

Clean & Green Committee Minutes

Monday, October 2nd, 2023 – 9:05am-10:00am
Janik's Café – 2011 W. Division St.

In attendance: Wayne Janik (Committee Chair), Chi Braunreiter (Voting Member), Brett Keeshin (Voting Member)

Guests: Matthias Scheidler (Christy Webber), Tommy Vaughn (WasteNot Compost), David Werner (Christy Webber), Lisa Kidd (Cleanslate)

Staff: Alice Howe (Program Manager), Luke Scaletta (Community Engagement Coordinator)

Updates

1. Christy Webber Report

- a. MS stated that cutting tree grates to make more room for root growth would be time-consuming and look disorderly, so he recommended either getting new, larger grates or mulching the tree pits instead
- b. Winter plant palette has been selected, similar to last year's favorable selection.

2. Cleanslate

- a. LK stated that fallen leaf clean-up will be a priority in the fall, and they are applying more workers to the graffiti and poster abatement on Milwaukee, as we've seen an uptick in recent weeks.
 - i. LS will put together a social and online campaign to inform venues and organizations where they are and are not allowed to post bills, and will track recurring postings in an excel sheet to bring to the Alderman for repeat offenders.
- b. Cleanslate will be repainting the orange planters over the next few days and AH will be working to get the permits passed for 12 additional planters on Damen Ave.
 - i. WJ stated that if the planters are not approved by December, then their installation should be pushed to spring.

3. WasteNot Compost

- a. TV shared that we had 2 new businesses register for the compost program, and they created an informational video for businesses to onboard their employees to the compost processes.
 - i. LS will work with TV to connect businesses with physical promo materials for residents/other non-SSA businesses to receive discounted services, as well as share the program's results so far for diverted waste.

Proposals:

Motion 1: The Clean & Green Committee recommends to approve funding not to exceed \$55,000 from line item 2.02 (Landscaping) for Christy Webber to provide general landscaping services for all of the SSA in 2024. (23-1001)

CB motions, BK seconds. All ayes. Recommendation approved.

Motion 2: The Clean & Green Committee recommends to approve funding not to exceed \$46,000 from line item 2.02 (Landscaping) for Christy Webber Landscaping to provide landscaping services for the Milwaukee Ave planters for the SSA in 2024. (23-1002)

BK motions, CB seconds. All ayes. Recommendation approved.

Motion 3: The Clean & Green Committee recommends to approve funding not to exceed \$44,000 from line item 2.02 (Landscaping) for Bartlett Tree Services to provide tree maintenance for all of the SSA in 2024. (23-1003)

Discussion: WJ recommended looking into a fixed rate of pricing going forward, to see if we could sign a 2-year contract that would guarantee a fixed percentage of annual cost increase. AH will be providing comparisons of the last 5 years of Cleanslate contract prices at Commission before final vote.

CB motions, BK seconds. All ayes. Recommendation approved.

Motion 4: The Clean & Green Committee recommends to approve funding not to exceed \$330,000 from line item 2.08 (Sidewalk Maintenance) for Cleanslate to provide litter removal services, including After Dark in 2024. (23-1004)

BK motions, CB seconds. All ayes. Recommendation approved.

Motion 5: The Clean & Green Committee recommends to approve funding not to exceed \$59,000 from line item 2.12 (Graffiti Abatement) for Cleanslate to provide graffiti removal services two days per week in 2024. (23-1005)

BK motions, CB seconds. All ayes. Recommendation approved.

Next Meeting – November 6th